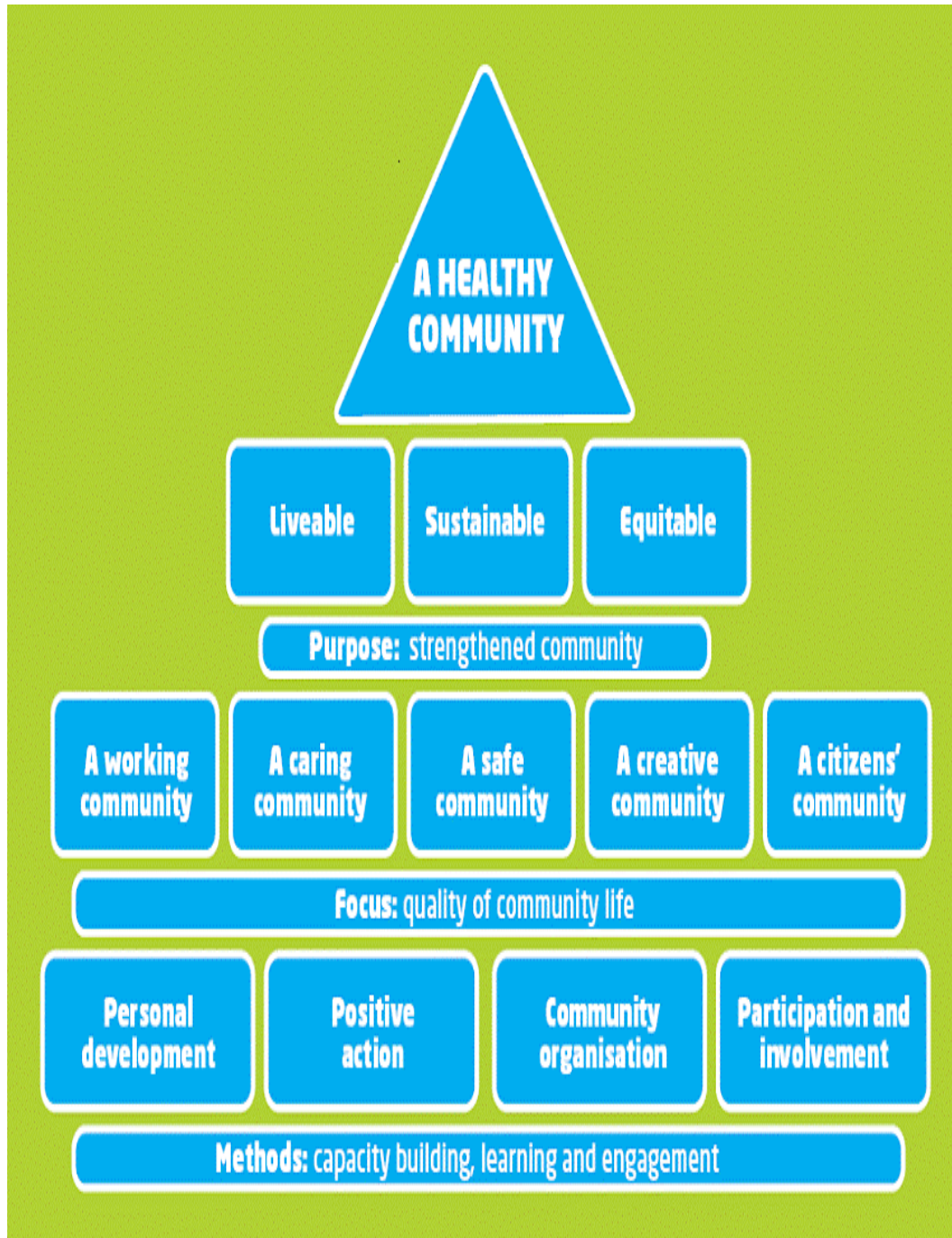


Our charitable aims are to:

- Provide recreational facilities at Cullen Community Centre for the benefit of all members of the public, with priority given to the community.
- The advancement of community development in Cullen.
  - create wealth and give everyone access to its benefits
  - care for all its members, when they need it, throughout their life span
  - provide an environment that is safe and attractive
  - enable people to express and celebrate their creativity and diverse cultures
  - enable everyone to participate in decisions that affect their lives



Your charitable purposes are:

F - the advancement of citizenship or community development

I - The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended

The company has been formed to benefit principally the communities of Cullen and Deskford which comprises the Cullen and Deskford Community Council ward ("the Community") (Postcodes AB56 4RL to AB56 4YW and AB56 5TP to AB56 5YX) with the following objects:

(1) The advancement of community development (including the advancement of rural\* regeneration) principally within the Community;

(2) To provide recreational facilities at Cullen Community Centre for the benefit of all members of the public, with priority given to the Community, and to organise community recreational activities.

But only to the extent that the above purposes are consistent with furthering the achievement of sustainable development

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## What is Community Development?

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Community development is a way of strengthening civil society by prioritising the actions of communities, and their perspectives in the development of social, economic and environmental policy. It seeks the empowerment of local communities, taken to mean both geographical communities, communities of interest or identity and communities organising around specific themes or policy initiatives. It strengthens the capacity of people as active citizens through their community groups, organisations and networks; and the capacity of institutions and agencies (public, private and non-governmental) to work in dialogue with citizens to shape and determine change in their communities. It plays a crucial role in supporting active democratic life by promoting the autonomous voice of disadvantaged and vulnerable communities. It has a set of core values/social principles covering human rights, social inclusion, equality and respect for diversity; and a specific skills and knowledge base.

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**SCDC promotes best practice in community development using this model:**

Purpose: People want to live in healthy communities. These are communities in which they:

- feel able to be who they are

- have positive prospects for their future
- experience respect and equal and fair treatment

Focus: To achieve this people want to be in a community that:

- creates wealth and gives everyone access to its benefits
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- provides an environment that is safe and attractive
- enables people to express and celebrate their creativity and diverse cultures
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Methods: To support them to contribute to the creation of such a community, community development promotes:

- opportunity for people to learn and develop their own skills
- reaches out to and involves those who may be excluded or disadvantaged
- helps communities to create organisations that can tackle their needs and represent their interests
- works to promote engagement and dialogue between communities and agencies that affect their lives
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<http://www.scdc.org.uk/who/what-is-community-development/>